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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AXEL PREUSSE
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Group Art Unit: 2815

Examiner: Edward J. Wojciechowiecz

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2000.109700/DE0351

Customer No.: 23720

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For: METHOD OF REDUCING WAFER
CONTAMINATION BY REMOVING
UNDER-METAL LAYERS AT THE
WAFER EDGE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iv. ☐ Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

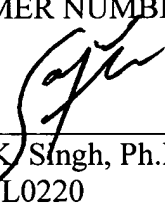
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-0365/DE0351¹
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

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